

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, John Picozzi, Lee Ann Lamothe, Joe Goho, and Gary Stott.

Town Administrator, Joseph Almond and Personnel Director, Joanne McManus were also present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Lee Ann Lamothe and was seconded by John Picozzi to accept the minutes from June 8th, 2016. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

No director's report.

Gary Stott made a motion to defer to the new business section A of the agenda for the applicant reviews and rating for the Director's position. The motion was seconded by John Picozzi. Joe Almond and Joanne McManus were present to explain the applications that they have collected.

New Business:

A) Applicant Reviews and ratings for Parks and Recreation Director:
Joanne McManus and Joe Almond presented the commissioner's with five applications for the Parks and Recreation Director position that they felt warranted an interview. They had put an application in the newspaper for the position. They gave each commission member

present a copy of the five applications and a sheet where they could fill out different categories about the applicant rating them from a one to a five in score, and there also was a comment section as well. They then gathered them back when everyone was finished and will calculate the totals on each sheet and use this information in order to better help them make a decision on who should be asked to come in for an interview in about a week. They would like to get the commission member's input on who they think the best candidate is for the position. Gives another set of eyes into the picking of a candidate. Some people in the process requested to be anonymous. John Sharkey asked if the members should score strictly by the ad, or by what you are looking for in a director. Joe explained that they are looking for someone with a minimal level of experience, who is well-rounded, enthusiastic, and energetic. They are looking for someone who will reinvent the parks and recreation program and not just cut and paste from what was previously done. Joe would like the director to work in collaboration with the schools, youth sports, the youth center and other communities. Scott Winslow will remain the assistant director. They had to go by the Charter which Joanne McManus included in the newspaper ad of a minimum of a bachelor's degree and some experience.

Joe Almond stated that the Director would be responsible for all the maintenance of fields in Lincoln, all of the Parks, all town recreation, the concerts, the Memorial Day Parade, supervising the crews of laborers, the policies, and the budget. John Picozzi brought up that one of the applicants put the Town of Coventry on their paperwork.

B) Ball Field Preparation at Sam Moore:

The field will be skinned and the grass taken right out. There will be all dirt in the infield which will be easier to maintain. It is the Lonsdale recess field for the kids, so it makes it hard. The kids have to play somewhere.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Gary Stott – Sullivan Park had no trash and the camp counselors are great. There is a good amount of picnic tables to use. Arnold Park is still getting a lot of use and looks good. The parking issue at Barney's Pond appears to be good now. There was a lot of fishing, but it has slowed down because of all of the pond scum. Gary reported that Peter Moreau stated he would like to come to a meeting and talk about the trails in Lincoln. He is very interesting and knows a lot of information about the town. It bothers him that there are no plaques explaining who some of the people are that things are named after, such as Sam Moore field. We should put him on the September agenda.

Lonsdale- John Picozzi – It is looking good and the camp is going well. There is a communication error when it comes to the batting cages. This is a safety issue because there are holes in the nets of the batting cages and someone could get hurt. The water pressure issue seems to be resolved. The fields are looking good and the trash is better. The gate always being open is another safety issue. There is a lack of infield grooming at all the parks, as well as a lack of maintenance. John Good fixed the roofs of the dugouts and they look good.

Albion- John Sharkey – There is a major trash issue. The camp counselors are not having the kid's pickup at the end of the camp day. The grass recovered due to fertilization. There is a lack of grooming on the infield, with grass growing on the infield dirt, and the edges and lip around the infield need work. There is a lack of grooming on all of the fields. Wherever there is a camp going on, the fields are not being picked up after.

Manville- Lee Ann Lamothe – Manville Park is loaded with trash. Lee Ann said the park is the most disgusting she has ever seen it. She gets that there is a camp being held there, but it still needs to be picked up. This is the first time ever that she was embarrassed by the state of the park. Kids were using the basketball court.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – Andy wasn't present was reported that people have been asking him why Specks Pond at Fairlawn is dried up. The basketball court needs new nets. The benches were painted in the park. The outfield grass is burnt, and he wants to know if the sprinklers are not working? The infield has grass growing. Andy would like to know if the summer help employees could be helping with the maintenance?

Limerock- Steve Reynolds – no report.

Quinville- Joe Goho – There are the same issues of graffiti on the slide. Nothing major is wrong. It's in pretty good shape.

Old Business:

A) Dug out roofs at Sullivan Field Update: John Good will get started at Sullivan Field now that Lonsdale has been updated.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by commission member Gary Stott, and the motion was seconded by commission member John Picozzi.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.